



Nonimmigrant Visa Interview Waiver Program

The Biometric Visa Program achieves the dual objectives of increasing the security of U.S. visas and facilitating travel to the United States by persons with biometric visas.

The transition to the collection of ten fingerprints for biometric visas has further increased the security of the visa process.

A visa applicant who has already provided ten fingerprints at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate may not need to return to the Embassy to be fingerprinted and interviewed for a subsequent visa if, among other factors:

- The applicant reapplies within 12 months after the previous visa expires; and
- The applicant applies for a visa in the same visa classification as the previous visa (for example, tourist visa). *Note: B-1 and B-2 are considered to be in the same class for the purpose of this program;*
- The applicant applies in his or her country of usual residence; and
- The applicant has complied with the immigration laws and regulations of the United States.

Visa applicants who fulfill these conditions may submit visa applications through the United Parcel Service (UPS) without coming personally to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy. However, a consular officer, after reviewing the application, may determine that a personal appearance is required.

Visa applicants who utilize this procedure must complete and sign all visa application forms, and must submit their passport along with appropriate fees and photographs. Detailed instructions concerning the nonimmigrant visa application process are located on the Embassy website:

<http://algiers.usembassy.gov>

Fingerprints of travelers to the United States are verified by DHS through the US-Visit process at U.S. ports of entry.